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To keep abreast of developments in the field of metallurgy and to discuss common problems of coinage, Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross, Director of the Mint, has called a conference of metallurgists and coiners from the various Mint field institutions. The meeting will start tomorrow (Sept. 11) in New York at the United States Assay Office, where the discussion will be on methods pertaining to the melting and refining of gold, and kindred subjects. Later in the week the group will adjourn to the Philadelphia Mint to consider coinage problems and make first hand observations and demonstrations.

This is the first time in Mint history that a conference of coiners and refiners has been called in this country, for such a purpose.

Mrs. Ross states that there now exists an unusual demand for coins of all denominations. This has necessitated placing the Philadelphia Mint on a three-shift basis, and the Mints at Denver and San Francisco on a two-shift basis.

She pointed out that in the first two months of the last fiscal year, July and August, 1938, the Mints, on the order of the Treasurer, delivered 17,291,400 coins to the banks of the country, while in the corresponding months of this year, the delivery has been 144,623,435 pieces.

Those who will attend the meeting are:

Nellie Taylor Ross, Director of the Mint, Washington.

Timothy J. Quirk, Chief Assayer of the Mint Service, Washington.

Daniel Daly, Superintendent, Melting and Refining Department,

U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Bernard V. Matson, Assistant Superintendent, Melting and Refining Department, U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Edwin H. Dressel, Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Hubert D. Coleman, Superintendent, Melting and Refining Department, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

William T. Bartholomew, Superintendent, Coining Department,

U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

John C. Wells, Superintendent, Coining Department, U. S. Mint, Denver.

Elry J. Wagor, Superintendent, Melting and Refining Department, U. S. Mint, Denver.

Arthur R. Oliver, Superintendent, Melting and Refining Department, U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Joseph C. Steel, Superintendent, Coining Department, U. S. Mint, San Francisco.